

We claim:

1. A method for monitoring the development and release of a product having a plurality of features comprising the steps of:
 - a) enumerating features to be included in the product; and
 - b) enumerating and linking tasks, task milestones, task milestone attainments, task approvals, feature approvals, completed task approvals, task completions, and completed feature approvals to a feature.
2. The method of claim 1 comprising enumerating the tasks, task milestones, task milestone attainments, task approvals, feature approvals, completed task approvals, task completions, and completed features to a repository.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the repository is a database.
4. The method of claim 3 wherein the database is a relational database.
5. The method of claim 2 each of the features has a primary key, comprising assigning a unique key to every task, milestone, completion, and approval and linking every said task, milestone, completion, and approval to a feature.
6. The method of claim 5 comprising generating views of the features and linked tasks.
7. The method of claim 6 comprising generating views of the feature entries and linked tasks by filtering on the feature key and links to tasks.
8. A system resident on one or more computers for monitoring the development and release of a product having a plurality of features, said system configured to:
 - a) enumerate features to be included in the product; and
 - b) enumerate and link tasks, task milestones, task milestone attainments, task approvals, feature approvals, completed task approvals, task completions, and completed feature approvals to a feature.

9. The system of claim 8, said system further configured to enumerate the tasks, task milestones, task milestone attainments, task approvals, feature approvals, completed task approvals, task completions, and completed features to a repository.
10. The system of claim 9 wherein the repository is a database.
11. The system of claim 10 wherein the database is a relational database.
12. The system of claim 9 each of the features has a primary key, and the system is configured to assign a unique key to every task, milestone, completion, and approval and linking every said task, milestone, completion, and approval to a feature.
13. The system of claim 12 wherein the system is configured to generate views of the features and linked tasks.
14. The system of claim 13 wherein the system is configured to generate views of the feature entries and linked tasks by filtering on the feature key and links to tasks.

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